

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held in the City of
Albany on March 21, 2007

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Patricia L. Acampora, Chairwoman
Maureen F. Harris
Robert E. Curry, Jr.

CASE 07-V-0033 - Application of Time Warner Entertainment-Advance Newhouse Partnership (Binghamton Division) for Approval of the Renewal of its Cable Television Franchise for the Town of Dix (Schuyler County).

ORDER APPROVING RENEWAL

(Issued and Effective April 6, 2007)

BY THE COMMISSION:

The above-captioned application was submitted by Time Warner Entertainment-Advance Newhouse Partnership (Binghamton Division) on January 11, 2007. A copy of the same was served on the Town of Dix and all local notice requirements were met. No comments or objections have been received.

This application is governed by Section 222 of the Public Service Law, which requires our approval unless we find specific violations of law, Commission regulations or the public interest. Section 222(4) of the statute provides that we may approve the renewal contingent upon compliance with standards or conditions consistent with the public interest. Having reviewed the application in the context of applicable statutory and regulatory standards, we have determined to approve the renewal subject to conditions as hereinafter set forth.

The application seeks our approval of a franchise renewal by the Town of Dix by Resolution of the Town Board dated October 26, 2006 after a duly noticed public

hearing held on October 13, 2006. The term of the renewal is for 15 years, commencing July 1, 2006 and expiring June 30, 2021.

The renewal agreement substantially complies with Section 895.1 of the Commission's rules, except as noted below.

First, Section 2(e) of the agreement attempts to mirror Section 895.3 of our rules regarding level playing field. We will construe the provision in a manner consistent with Section 895.3.

Second, while Section 16 of the proposed agreement appears to comply with Section 895.4 of our rules, this order will be granted on condition that the franchisee also comply with the minimum consumer protection and customer service standards set forth in Parts 890 and 896 of our rules; the minimum standards for public, educational and governmental (PEG) access, including but not limited to those requirements noted in Section 895.1(f) of our rules, as if the same were fully set forth herein; and the line extension standards set forth in Section 895.5 of our rules.

Third, Section 895.1(d) of our rules requires that access to a cable system may not be denied to any group of potential residential subscribers based on income. It is a condition of our approval that Section 895.1(d) be deemed a part of the franchise agreement as if specifically set forth therein.

Fourth, Section 895.1(t) of the Commission's rules requires a provision in the franchise that any valid reporting requirements in the franchise may be satisfied with system-wide statistics except those related to franchise fees and customer complaints. It is a condition of our approval that Section 895.1(t) be deemed a part of the agreement as if specifically set forth therein.

Finally, we wish to remind the parties that Section 895.1(q) of our rules requires a provision stating that the terms of the franchise are subject to the Commission's approval. It will be a condition of this order that Section 895.1(q) be deemed a part of the renewal agreement as if specifically set forth therein.

The proposed franchise agreement also contains additional provisions not required by Part 895 of the Commission's rules. Our approval of these provisions will be

granted to the extent that they pertain to the provision of cable service and are, and remain, consistent with Article 11, our regulations, policies, and orders and applicable federal statutes and regulations. In the event of an ambiguity in any such provision, or among separate provisions, the provision will be construed in the manner most favorable to the franchisor.

The Commission orders:

1. Pursuant to Section 222 of the Public Service Law and the rules and regulations of this Commission, the application of Time Warner Entertainment-Advance Newhouse Partnership (Binghamton Division) for renewal of its cable television franchise for the Town of Dix (Schuyler County) is hereby approved, subject to the conditions set forth herein. The term of the renewal shall expire on June 30, 2021.
2. This order does not in any way confer rights or privileges other than those granted in the underlying franchise and the certificate holder remains subject to the obligations imposed by Article 11 of the Public Service Law, the underlying franchise and all applicable rules, regulations and orders of this Commission.
3. This proceeding is closed.

By the Commission,

(SIGNED)

JACLYN A. BRILLING
Secretary